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Letter dated 2 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee of Interested States, drawn from all geographical regions of the world, established to oversee the decision to erect, at a place of prominence at United Nations Headquarters, a permanent memorial in acknowledgement of the tragedy and in consideration of the legacy of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade. It will be recalled that the States members of the Caribbean Community and the African Union are playing a primary role in the implementation of this initiative.

In accordance with the decision taken by the Permanent Memorial Committee, I am attaching for information an updated list of Member States that have contributed to the Trust Fund for the permanent memorial to honour the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 116.

(*Signed*) Raymond O. **Wolfe**
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Annex to the letter dated 2 March 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Permanent memorial to honour the victims of slavery and the transatlantic slave trade

Voluntary contributions from Member States

(in United States dollars)

Member States	*Received*	*Pledged*	*Total*
Antigua and Barbuda	7 500		7 500
Argentina	10 000		10 000
Australia	19 534		19 534
Bahamas	7 500		7 500
Barbados	10 000		10 000
Belize	2 000		2 000
Botswana	10 000		10 000
Brazil	20 000		20 000
Chile	5 000		5 000
Denmark		10 000	10 000
Ecuador	5 000		5 000
Egypt	5 000		5 000
Finland	25 000		25 000
India	10 000	250 000	260 000
Indonesia	500		500
Haiti	15 000		15 000
Jamaica	5 000		5 000
Kuwait	20 000		20 000
Luxembourg	7 281		7 281
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	20 000		20 000
Malaysia	10 000		10 000
Malta	500		500
Mozambique (SADC Group of Ambassadors)	2 500		2 500
Namibia	2 000		2 000
Netherlands	14 588		14 588
Nicaragua	500		
Pakistan	5 000		
Portugal	32 782		32 782
Qatar	20 000		20 000
South Africa	30 000		30 000
Spain	44 615		44 615
St. Lucia	600		600

Member States	*Received*	*Pledged*	*Total*
St. Kitts and Nevis	1 000		1 000
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	5 000		5 000
Sudan	1 000		1 000
Suriname	10 000		10 000
Syrian Arab Republic	1 000		1 000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	500		500
Togo	175		175
Turkey	14 000		14 000
United Kingdom	29 076		29 076
Private donation	350	10 800	11 150
Interest earned	863		863
Totals	**430 363**	**270 800**	**695 663**

Note: The estimated amount required for the project is $4.2 million.